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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

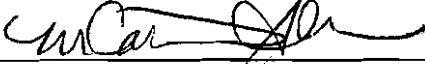
historic name Carver Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
other names/site number VDHR File # 127-0822-0599

**2. Location**

street & number 909- 1011 West Marshall Street Not for publication N/A  
city or town Richmond vicinity N/A  
state Virginia code VA county (Independent city) code 760 zip code 23220

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination        request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant        nationally        statewide X locally. (        See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 9/19/06  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. (        See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

       entered in the National Register  
       See continuation sheet.  
       determined eligible for the National Register  
       See continuation sheet.  
       determined not eligible for the National Register  
       removed from the National Register  
       other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☒ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	buildings
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   312   (in original district)Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)   N/A  

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)Cat:   COMMERCE   Sub:   COMMERCE/TRADE  **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)Cat:   VACANT   Sub:   NOT IN USE  

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)  LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS: Commercial style  **Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation	<u>  brick; concrete  </u>
Roof	<u>  tin; asphalt  </u>
Walls	<u>  brick; concrete  </u>
Other	<u>                    </u>

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions) ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance** 1840-1940 (entire district)

**Significant Dates** 1915 (added resource)

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file** (NPS)

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☒ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office  
☐ Other State agency  
☐ Federal agency  
☐ Local government  
☐ University  
☐ Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data****Acreage of Property** less than an acre**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)A Zone 18 283585E 4158861N  
See continuation sheet.**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title: Nancy W. Kraus  
Organization: First & Main. LLC date May 26, 2006  
street & number: 6224 New Harvard Lane telephone (804) 304-6053  
city or town Glen Allen state VA zip code 23059

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps** A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs** Representative black and white photographs of the property.**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Herbert R. Coleman, III, for 1011 Marshall Street, LLC  
street & number 711 W. Broad Street telephone (804) 358-7800  
city or town Richmond state VA zip code 23220

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**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

The Carver Residential Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 12, 2002. The district is bounded by Munford, West Marshall, Bowe and West Leigh Streets and is situated just north of the main campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. The majority of buildings are late-nineteenth-and-early-twentieth-century dwellings, churches, schools, and commercial buildings with a period of significance between 1840 and 1940. Most of the buildings are two-or-three-stories high and are constructed of brick. The Carver Residential Historic District encompasses 311 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site, and 9 non-contributing buildings, and 43 buildings that are also listed in the Jackson Ward National Historic Landmark District.

The Boundary Increase incorporates one monolithic commercial building, the T&E Laundry Company Building, which spans nearly two city blocks along West Marshall Street, between Hancock and Goshen Streets. The former laundry at 909-1011 West Marshall Street is composed of five distinct architectural building blocks that reflect five building campaigns. The plant for the T&E Laundry Company was constructed circa 1915 at 921-923 West Marshall Street. Offices for the T&E Laundry Company and the Arrow Laundry Company were constructed at 927-933 West Marshall Street between 1925 and 1926. The power plant was added at 917-919 West Marshall Street circa 1948. An expansive commercial laundry facility was constructed circa 1964, filling most of the 1000-block of West Marshall Street. Additional offices were appended circa 1980 to the east end of the building at 909-915 West Marshall Street. Facing north, the building is situated along the southern edge of the Carver Residential Historic District and is adjacent to the Carver Industrial Historic District to the west. To the south across the rear alley and to the west across Hancock Street, the one-and-two-story laundry building is dwarfed by the massive three-and-four-story institutional buildings constructed by Virginia Commonwealth University early in the twenty-first century. The T&E Laundry Company Building is the only surviving historic building contiguous to the district that is not currently situated within the Carver Residential Historic District boundaries.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

The lot for the T&E Laundry Company Building is bounded to the north by West Marshall Street, to the south by the public alley that runs along the mid-line between West Broad Street and West Marshall Street and to the east and west by paved parking lots. There are 22 commercial buildings in the Carver Residential Historic District. The T&E Laundry Company Building and several other representative commercial buildings in the district are located along the perimeter of the boundaries. Visually, the scale and mass of the T&E Laundry Company Building relate well to the scale and mass of the other contributing commercial buildings in the district including, for example, the Baughman Brothers/Biggs Antique Company building across the street (127-0822-0575); 302 Goshen Street (127-0822-0547) which backs up to the T&E Laundry Company Building along the rear alley; and 405-407-409 Hancock Street (127-0822-0434 and 127-0822-0435). The T&E Laundry Company building is also similar in scale and mass to the numerous block-long groups of attached townhouses and multiple dwellings in the district.

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The former laundry is composed of five distinct architectural blocks that were constructed between circa 1915 and circa 1980. The oldest part of the building, 921-923 West Marshall Street, was constructed as the plant for the T&E Laundry Company that was located at 926-928 W. Broad Street. (The original building for the T&E Laundry Company on West Broad Street was demolished in 2003, replaced by a new four-story dormitory owned by Virginia Commonwealth University.) Built of stretcher bond brick, the former laundry plant is one-and-one-half-stories high and four bays long. The plant features a flat roof with parapet, a two-bay commercial storefront defined by cast iron pilasters, and engaged brick pilasters at east and west corners. At ground level, relieving arches mark former entrance bays. Half-bays above first story, currently in-filled with concrete masonry units, delineate the base of what may have been the second story of an earlier residence that was modified for commercial use. Most of the interior has a commercial character with exposed red brick walls and poured concrete flooring. However, portions of a residential entrance hall, stair and railing, plaster walls, and wood-paneled doors are located in the northwest corner.

Reflecting rapid commercial prosperity of Richmond in the early decades of the twentieth-century, the T&E Laundry Company constructed offices for the T&E Laundry and Arrow Laundry at 927-933 West Marshall Street circa 1924-26. Constructed in stretcher bond brick, the two-story, nine-bay office building displays a flat roof with pedimented parapet, metal cornice with decorative scrolled brackets, and a central double-leaf entrance door. Circa 1948, the T&E Laundry Company again expanded the West Marshall Street facility with the construction of a power plant at 917-919 West Marshall Street. The power plant is a two-story, three-bay building with a flat roof behind a low brick parapet. Constructed of seven-course bond, the power plant has a ribbon of multi-light metal industrial windows at the second story and a single garage bay on facade.

The fourth segment of the building, 1003-1011 West Marshall Street, was constructed circa 1964. The one-story, three-bay brick block fills most of the 1000-block of West Marshall Street. The elongated bays along the façade are filled with a regular rhythm of aluminum, double-hung windows, separated by bands of split-faced concrete blocks. The flat roof is hidden behind a low parapet. A single-leaf entrance door is situated at west corner of the façade. A raised concrete loading dock extends along the west wall. It is sheltered by a metal, shed-roofed canopy. 909-915 West Marshall Street was appended to the east end of the laundry building circa 1980. The two-story, three-bay office building is constructed of smooth-faced concrete masonry units and vertical metal siding. There is a single-leaf aluminum-and-glass entrance door system at the east corner of the façade.

**ADDITIONAL INVENTORY**

**Marshall Street (West)**

909-1011 #127-0822-0599, T&E Laundry Company, Commercial style, circa 1915, Commercial Building. From east to west, this monolithic concrete and brick building is composed of five connected architectural blocks: (1) a two-story, three-bay office building; (2) a two-story, three-bay power plant; (3) one-and-one-half-story, four bay plant; (4) a two-story, nine-bay office building; and (5) a one-story, three-bay brick commercial laundry facility. Utilitarian in character with minimal architectural ornamentation, all of the building segments have flat roofs with parapets and multi-light, industrial-style metal windows.

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## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Carver Residential Historic District is composed primarily of late-nineteenth-to-early-twentieth-century residential, commercial, and public buildings. Although the Carver area experienced its first residential development in the 1840s and 1850s, the majority of buildings in the district were constructed during a period of rapid economic growth that took place in Richmond between the 1880s and early 1900s. The nomination report states that "The development of Carver parallels the development of the city as a whole" with rapid industrialization and residential construction occurring within the district during Carver's second significant period of development. The construction of the T&E Laundry Company Building is symbolic of the industrialization of land that occurred at the southwestern corner of the district in the early decades of the twentieth century. The operation of a steam laundry was labor-intensive. By constructing an additional laundry facility in the working-class Carver neighborhood, the T&E Laundry Company was well-positioned to attract employees. Like the Baughman Brothers/Biggs Antique Company across Marshall Street, the former laundry building is significant because it represents the industrialization that occurred within the working class neighborhood in the early decades of the twentieth century. Each segment of the building retains its essential commercial architectural fabric. Along the busy public alley, now employed as a thoroughfare by the students and staff of Virginia Commonwealth University, the historic character of the building is also well-preserved. The massive building represents nearly a century of utilitarian construction.

The Boundary Increase incorporates the only surviving historic building along the perimeter of the district. The T&E Laundry Company Building is comparable in scale, materials, style, function, and period of significance to the contributing commercial buildings previously nominated in the Carver Residential Historic District. Like the other commercial buildings within the existing historic district, the T&E Laundry Company Building is significant under Criterion C for its architecture and represents the light industrial and commercial architecture of the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries in the City of Richmond.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The first residential development occurred in the Carver area in the 1840s and 1850s. However, the majority of contributing buildings in the Carver Residential Historic District are late-nineteenth-to-early-twentieth-century residential, public, and commercial buildings. The Beers Map of Richmond reveals that in 1876, the blocks in the Carver neighborhood along West Marshall Street were well-developed between Belvidere and Graham (now Goshen) Streets. Both the north and south sides of the street were lined with neat rows of brick and frame dwellings. Beyond Graham Street, the 900 block and beyond are partially sub-divided into lots, but only a few residences are depicted in the 900-block and no buildings are shown in the 1000-block.<sup>1</sup> By 1889 when the Baist Map was published, both the 900-block and the 1000-block were fully developed with evenly-spaced dwellings on rectangular lots. In addition to the dwellings, the Elba Park Church was situated on the south side of the street and Elba School was situated on the north side of the street, both buildings located near the center-line of the double-block.<sup>2</sup>

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The T&E Laundry Company Building, part of the Carver district's second significant period of development, represents the industrialization of land that occurred at the southwestern corner of the district during a period of rapid economic growth that took place in Richmond in the early decades of the twentieth century. The operation of a steam laundry was labor-intensive. By locating its expanding laundry operation into the working-class Carver neighborhood, the T&E Laundry Company was well-positioned to attract employees.

In the early decades of the twentieth century, there were approximately a dozen Chinese laundries and a dozen steam laundries operating at various locations in the City of Richmond.<sup>3</sup> Most of the Chinese laundries were located in Church Hill and in Jackson Ward, close to Richmond's central business district. At the turn of the century, the majority of the steam laundries were also located within the central business district. Circa 1906, the Eagle Steam Laundry was established at 723-725 West Cary Street, and the Troy Steam Laundry was founded at 924-926 West Broad Street.<sup>4</sup> Circa 1914, the two laundry companies merged to form the Troy & Eagle (T&E) Laundry Company, Incorporated. The newly formed T&E Laundry Company was located at 926-928 West Broad Street.

Circa 1915, the company expanded its operations. While maintaining the original facility on West Broad Street, the company constructed a building, identified as a plant, at 921-923 West Marshall Street. The new plant was constructed on the site of the former Elba Park Church and was the only non-residential building located on the south side of the 900-1000 block of West Marshall Street.<sup>5</sup> The T&E Laundry Company was the first steam laundry located in the Carver neighborhood.

In the following decades, the T&E Laundry Company supplanted most of the nineteenth-century dwellings along the double-block, replacing the houses with small-scale commercial building blocks. In 1924, while maintaining the location on Broad Street, the company moved its main offices to a newly constructed office building adjoining the steam plant.<sup>6</sup> The office building was apparently enlarged circa 1926 with a three-bay addition to the west.<sup>7</sup> Circa 1948, a power plant was attached at the east end.<sup>8</sup> Circa 1962, the company was re-named T&E Fabric Care Services Industry.<sup>9</sup> Circa 1964, a one-story, three-bay building was constructed, filling most of the 1000 block of West Marshall Street.<sup>10</sup> The final building block was added circa 1980 at the east end.<sup>11</sup>

The T&E Fabric Care Services Industry became part of the UniFirst Corporation in the 1990's. UniFirst is one of North America's largest work wear and textile services companies. The corporation rents, launders, and sells industrial uniforms and protective clothing and decontaminates and cleans garments that have been exposed to radioactive materials in nuclear facilities. The conglomerate company operates more than 195,000 locations in the United States, Canada, and Europe.<sup>12</sup>

The local subsidiary operation of the Unifirst Corporation moved to Chesterfield County in 2005. The facility on West Marshall Street could not be expanded to accommodate the company's commercial laundry operations. The building was sold to developers who plan to transform the space into a sixty-unit apartment building.

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**ENDNOTES**

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<sup>2</sup> Baist, G. William. Atlas of Richmond, Virginia and Vicinity. Philadelphia, PA, 1889, map 6.

<sup>3</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1902; 1906;1915.

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<sup>5</sup> Beers, F.W. Illustrated Combination Atlas of Richmond, Virginia. Richmond, VA: Southern and Southwestern Surveying & Publishing Company, 1876.

<sup>6</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1924.

<sup>7</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1926.

<sup>8</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1948.

<sup>9</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1962.

<sup>10</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1964.

<sup>11</sup> City of Richmond Directory, 1980.

<sup>12</sup> [www.unifirst.com](http://www.unifirst.com).

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### Verbal Boundary Description

The Boundary Increase for the Carver Residential Historic District incorporates the following parcel with map reference numbers (tax parcel number) as designated by the City of Richmond, Virginia, and shown on the attached site map:

Tax Parcel #N0000385001      909-1011 West Marshall Street

### Boundary Justification

The boundary increase incorporates one building, 909-1011 West Marshall Street, that was omitted from the earlier Carver Residential Historic District National Register Nomination because it was on the edge of the district and was surrounded by noncontributing buildings. The noncontributing buildings are no longer standing. The T & E Laundry Company Building has historic associations with the Carver Residential Historic District and is the only surviving associated historic resource outside the existing historic district boundaries.

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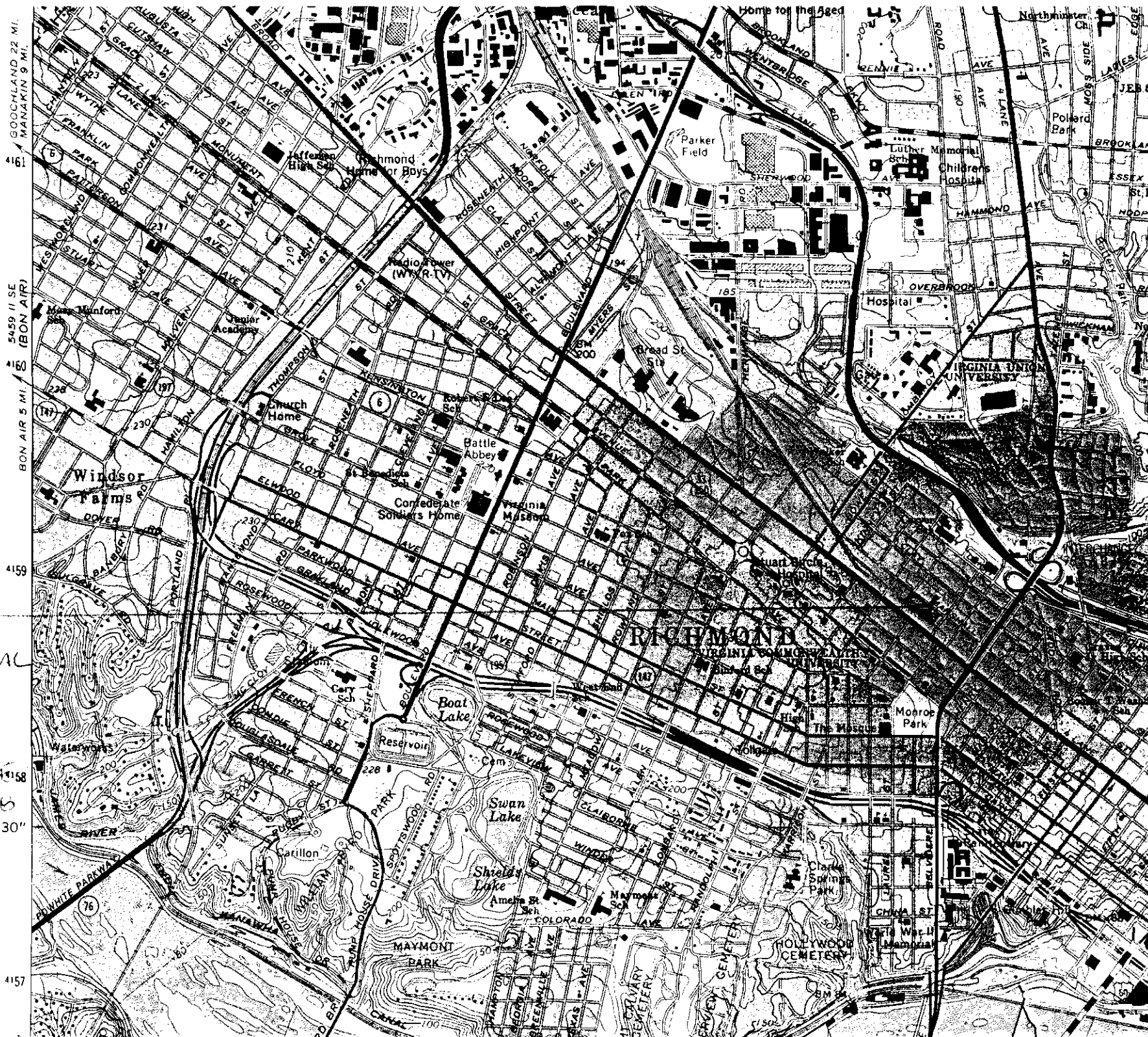
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